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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/238,501) Group Art Unit: 2878
Filed: January 27, 1999)
For: TWO-DIMENSIONAL IMAGE)
PICKUP APPARATUS) Date: December 10, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2003 for three months from September 10, 2003 to December 10, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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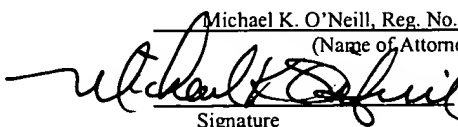
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